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## RUMORS FILL AIR REGARDING PEACE NOTE OF GERMANS

Some Say Note Has Been Sent, While Others Fix Time for Monday.

WASHINGTON AUTHORITIES AWAITING OFFICIAL TEXT

Circumstantial Story Tells of Reply Being Held Up After Stormy Session.

AGREE TO GET OUT OF BELGIUM

Claim Prussians Will Deny Right of Foreign Powers to Meddle in Internal Affairs.

wiss legation. Just when it will arto have become more or less of a problem. Dispatches from vatous European sources say that it has been dispatched to Washington, and any interpretations are being given. However, none of them bear the offilai stamp, and, consequently, must be onsidered with care until the nathen announcement reaches the Ameri-

vernment, nany conflicting reports have from Holland and Switzerland s during the past few days that Washington has settled back to receipt of the official text before

giving the matter any further consideration.

German government organs announced Wednesday that the reply had been dispatched, and since then the newspapers of the border neutrals have heard almost hourly that the note was on its way or about to be sent or would not be sent for several days. These have given varying accounts of its contents. A circumstantial story of how the reply was held up at the last moment for further consideration, after a stormy meeting of members of the Berlin government with the military leaders and a vereigns of the German states, appeared to observers here to have the color of truth, and it is regarded as entirely possible that the same thing happened again later in the week.

Every version of the probable nature of the reply under consideration, if not adopted, indicates that the Germans are preparing to come forward with want hey, at least, will expect the world to believe is a long step toward meeting conditions which President Wilson ass, said must be met before there can be thought of an armistice or discussion of peace. Whatever have be the wilstance of the note, it is believed as a form will be designed to make taifficult of President Wilson to avoid archer exchanges.

NEREPORT SAYS HENS

to one of the reports to-

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[By Associated Press.]

MADRID. October 20.—The steamer Safeguard your children from influence of the station is your telephone. If it is not convenient for you to bring or send your perial Granum, the unsweetened food. The steamer was used in transporting phosphates to Spain. Safeguard your children from influence of the steamer was used in transporting phosphates to Spain.

### How Germans Repay Kindness of French

(By Associated Press.)

WITH THE CANADIAN FORCES IN FRANCE, Saturday, October 10.

Although Le Cateau was not systematically destroyed by the Germans, there were individual acts of vandalism, both there and in adjoining villages. Perhaps the whole war has not produced another act so vile as that which is vouched for by French official investigators. In Montigny, due west of Le Cateau, a German officer lived eighteen months with a French family. He was a plensant fellow, taking his ments with the family and frequently performing on the plane for them.

One evening he failed to return for dinner and members of the family waited in vain for him, and at midnight retired to bed. At 3 o'clock in the morning the house was shown up by a mine. Every one of this family was killed, with the exception of an eight-months-old child. The family consisted of several old people and women and childern.

## TWENTY-FIVE MILLION

er has not yet reached om. It May Be Two Weeks Before Results From Whole Country Are Known.

INDIANS BUY \$4,500,000 WORTH

Officials Feel Confident \$6,000,000,-000 War Credit Has Been Oversubscribed-Avalanche of Subscriptions Received by Banks.

WASHINGTON, October 20.—Probably 25,090,909 or more individuals bought bonds of the fourth Liberty loan, according to reports reaching Washington, showing that a large proportion of these filed their applications during the last few days of the campaign which ended last night.

Consequently, it will be a task of many days actually to count the number of piedges and to compile reports. Lefinite figures and the total subscriptions to the loan were not available here to-night. Local and district managers, fatigued with their arduous dities of the solicitation work, rested to-day, and will not start until tomorrow to figure up the avalanche of last-minute purchasers. The only official figures in hand here were of Friday night, showing about \$1,400,000,000 yet to be subscribed.

Despite this total lack of definite information, officials were confident that the \$6,600,000,000 popular war credit had been oversubscribed. information, officials were confident that the \$6,000,000,000 popular war credit had been oversubscribed. This belief was based on indications that belief was based on indications that advance promises of large sums from financial interests in New York and elsewhere would be found to be fulfilled when the final count is made. Eanks have until next Thursday to tabulate their subscriptions and report to the Federal reserve banks. Treasury officials to-night declared it might be as much as two weeks before the results for the whole country are known, particularly if the number of subscribers runs as high as present estimates.

### DISTRICT PASSES LOAN BOND GOAL

Campaigners Confident Final Re Centralization of the Personne ports To-Day Wlli Show \$290,-000,000 Subscribed.

Branch of General Staff Announced.

Requirements by New

Centralization in the personnel

Hereafter all applications are to be

branch of the general staff of the func-

ADOPT NEW PLAN

Richmond Times-Dispatch

STATE \$10,000,000 OVER WILL ESTABLISH AGENCIES

Every Unit Except West Vir- Expected to Quickly Fill Army's ginia Shown to Have Exceeded Quota in Drive.

Final reports from the various States in the Fifth District and counties in cal changes in the plan of procurement Virginia are expected to arrive at of officers for the army from civil life Liberty loan headquarters some time was announced here to-day by the to-day, following which definite figures chief of staff. on the actual amounts subscribed will be announced. Officials yesterday were confident that the Fifht District has tion of procuring officers is announced, easily passed its quota, while the sub- and the discontinuance of -separate scriptions from the State will amount to several millions more than the quota.

to several millions more than the quota. North Carolina was the fifth unit of the district to report oversubscription, figures announced yesterday showing a total of more than \$41,000,000.

Although no additional report was available at Richmond headquarters last night, it is known that at least \$500,000 has been subscribed in addition to the \$27,003,600 given out at the close of business Saturday night. Henry Schwartzschold sold bonds amounting to \$100,000 at the Richmond Hotel Saturday night, while more than \$200,000 was subscribed at the Seven Places of which had been reported to the Liberty loan committee yesterday. It is believed that the Fifth District total will reach at least \$290,000,000 an oversubscription of \$10,006,000. That Virginia will show oversubscriptions to the same amount is the prediction of officials. available at Richmond headquarters last night, it is known that at least \$500,000 has been subscribed in addition to the \$27,003.600 given out at the close of business Saturday night.

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SOUTH CAROLINA SENDS CONGRATULATIONS TO SEAY The following telegram was received resterday by Chairman George J. Seay, of the Fith District, from Edwin W. Sobertson, chairman of the central liberty loan committee for South Caro-

lina:
"Hearty congratulations. Your un tiring energy, sound judgment and magnetic ability to instill enthusiasm in your coworkers command the high-est commendation of your fellowest commendation of your fellow-countrymen. Let me add mine in all sincerity, with best wishes for your

ring the but diHe reoccasion, compelled e being.

This sturstitutions at to make arrange are to be compelled as a policy of the army may without waiting for a definite statement of a need for men of his qualifications, make application through the nearest association office. If found upon examination to be generally qualified to be an office, will be recommended as an available candidate for a commission and his application forwarded to the personnel branch, general staff, and there classified and either applied on a cur-

### French Socialist Impression of President Wilson's Conduct of Peace Parleys

BY NABOTH HEBIN. (Copyright, 1918, by Universal Service.)

PARIS, October 20.—"What is the French Socialist impression of President Wilson's conduct of the peace parleys?" I asked Marcel Cachia, Socialist Deputy, whom the recent national Socialist congress elected director of L'Humanite, its official organ, and who, therefore, is qualified as a spokesman for the 100 Socialist members of the Prench Parliament. "The French Socialists consider President Wilson the greatest moral authority; they have unlimited confidence in his judgment," replied M. Cachia, who is a member of the foreign uffairs committee of the Chamber of Deputies and who specializes in diplomatic affairs.

"We feel President Wilson is un-PARIS, October 20 .- "What Is the

"We feel President Wilson is un biased from imperialistic and capi-talistic points of view, though he is not a Socialist. We respect him as a true Democrat.

"in France the Socialists have been his most sincere admirers from the beginning. His leadership helps unintalin our working classes so steadfast."

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Here M. Cachin referred to the French translation of Mr. Wilson's speeches, which he called "a new charter of international morality," adding that President Wilson also was a great historical figure.

"Do the French Socialists desire a continuation of the peace conversations?" I asked.

"Beyond doubt," replied the Dep-

uty. "We believe the German people are sufficiently auxlous for peace to force their government to reply to I resident Wilson's demands. Personalities are negligible now.

"W Prince Max hinders peace his career is ended. If the Kniser interferers, he will efface himself, or, better, he will be efface himself, or, better, he will efface himself, or, better, he will be effaced."

"Do you believe the German people or the general staff to be behind the peace proposals!"

"The German people, fundamentally, because militarily the enemy is stronger than internally, where the food shortage is serious.

"By shortening her line and massing all her forces, Germany could resist heavy allied assaults; but she is weakening inside."

"Do you expect a revolution!"

"An upheaval has already started. Enormous changes have been effected recently. All revolutions begin that way, and, under the propulsion of Mr. Wilson's messages, the movement might lead very far.

"Until last mouth, every German officer swore fenity to the King of Prussia. Not the German Emperor, but the inaugural address of Prince Max said that hereafter the army will depend upon the Relebstag alone. That is most revolutionary, when you consider that three months before the Kniser boasted he would defe, the world with his "German"

when you consider that three months before the Kalser bonated he would defy the world with his "German idea."

"The act making it possible for itclehstag members, instead of the Kalser's chosen men, to become members is also revolutionary."

### MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS PLAN MILITARY RANK

liness Will Be Brought to Public's Attention.

service in the most advantageous position.

Applicants desiring to offer their seryice are requested by the chief of staff
to watch the standard announcement
of needs for officers published periodically in the newspapers. These announcements will come from one
source, the Washington headquarters
of the recruiting subsection and will
show the type of man wanted and the
duty to be performed. When such announcement is made, the civilian who
considers himself qualified, is to obtain complete information on how to
apply from the nearest office of the
military training camps association. If
found qualified he will be given a standard application for commission, which
is to be filled out and returned to
the military office. Later he will be to be filled out and returned to military office. Later he will be erviewed and examined.

Medicine and Use No Treatment Which May Depress the Vital Forces, Especially Heart.

service corps of the Council of Na-

# FOR THE ARMY NURSES

Importance of Fresh Air and Clean- Declares This, Is Essential if Wounded Soldiers Are to Receive Care Demanded.

Doctors Also A vised to Give No Beelieved by National Association

WASHINGTON. October 20 - State of the Lewis-Staker bill, providing mill-executives committees and county rep-itary rank for army nurses, was deresentatives of the volunteer medical clared to-day to be "absolutely essential, if our wounded soldiers are to re-ceive the care they should," by the na-tional committee to secure rank for nurses.

The lack of such military rank is al-

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Delegations From Many Countries Aid in Observance of Piftleth Anniversary as Bishop.

(By Associated Press.)

RALTIMORE. MD. October 20—Delegations from the Catholics of France, England. Beigium. Ireland. Canada and Mexico joined with those from this country here to-day in honoring Cardinal Gibbons on his fiftleth anniversary as a bishop.

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NORFOLK, VA. October 20—Charles Sykes, twenty-nine years old, and charged with being a draft slacker, was shot and killed to-day, near his home, when he resisted arrest. Policeman John T, Stewart was wounded in the resulting pistol due!

Sykes fled from his home when he saw the officers approaching along the road and took refuge in a ditch. He refused to surrender and opened fire on the officers. Exchange of shots followed. Sykes was called in September to leave for camp, but failed to appear. An order for his arrest followed.

Fine Lynnhaven and Cherrystone oysweek through its advertising columns.

## GERMANS RETREAT INTO NETHERLANDS

French Forces Reach Point Two Miles From Tournai.

HALF-MILLION TEUTONS ON FORTY-MILE FRONT

British Third Army Makes Advance South of Valenciennes

AMERICANS AT SAMBRE CANAL

Czecho-Slovak Forces Inflict Severe Defeat on Bolsheviki in Ekaterinburg District.

Victory crowns the allled arms on every battle front. Northern Belgium is being rapidly cleared of the enemy by British and Belgian forces. Belgians have occupied Zeebrugge and Heyst, have crossed the Ghent-Bruges Canal and on their left have reached the Dutch frontier, where 15,000 Germans, cut off from their retreat by the advance northward from Eccloo, are reported to have withdrawn into Holland, where they were interned.

Ghent, it is predicted from British headquarters, will fall at an early date, and the French, by a swift stroke SPRAY THE NOSE AND THROAT SERVICE SERIOUSLY CRIPPLED along an extended line, have put their forces within two miles of Tournal, Thielt is in the hands of the French, Time Is Ripe When Those Understanding Work and Needs Are Granted Necessary Authority.

WASHINGTON, October 20.—Passage of the Lewis-ftaker bill, providing military rank for army nurses was destined in the section round that town, but at St. Python, to the east. Here the British have captured ghore than 2,000 pristoners.

WESTERN FLANDERS AND COAST CLEAR OF ENEMY service corps of the Council of National Defense were urged to-day by Dr. Edward P. Davis, president of the Corps, to co-operate fully with local, State and national boards of health in fighting the spread of the epidemic. They were advised particularly to do no surgical operations unless necessary to save life.

They were asked to impress upon people the necessity for cleanliness the irr, portance of fresh air, the avoidance of chill and overheat and to rargle and to day to be "absolutely essential, if our wounded soldlers are to reduce the should," by the national committee to secure rank for military rank is altied to be seriously crippling the efficiency of nurses in military hospitals. The bill would grant relative rank from second licutenant to major, to wolving no increase in pay, no commits volving no increase in pay, no commits with the right to wear officers' in signla and possess officers' authority in hospital and sanitary matters under the degrada of the operations in Flanders, the allies have made over a thirty-six-mile front, clearing all of Western Flanders, as well as the coast of the enemy. Fighting desperately to hold their volving no increase in pay, no commits of the enemy.

Fighting desperately to hold their volving no increase in pay, no commits to the north and south of Le Cateau, the Germans, on a front of forty miles, have massed nearly 500-000 men. This line is vital to the signla and possess officers' authority in hospital and sanitary matters under the degrada of the army nurse copps.

The average German, according to Professor George D. Herron, in an interesting discussion of the paychology of that nation in The Times-Dispatch to-day, is determined not to be convinced by any evidence that his country is in any wise responsible for the war or for its continuation. It is the aim of the Prussian regime, by every means in its power, to save itself the humiliation of confession and repentance. The professor expresses the belief that there is a mental defect in the make-up of the German race that makes it impossible for its members to see and accept the difference between right and wrong in the same manner as other morials. The professor warns the world against a black peace procured through a dissembled repentance on the part of the enemy.